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## **NINETEENTH CONGRESS**

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HOUSE BILL NO. 4213



Introduced by Rep. Sittie Aminah Q. Dimaporo

### **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

This bill seeks to provide for the extension of the Transition Period of the Bangsamoro Organic Law, and conduct the First Regular Election in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao with the 2028 National and Local Elections.

This bill aims to give the Bangsamoro Transition Authority sufficient time to propose, prepare, and legislate significant measures and lay foundation to the development and preservation of long-lasting peace in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region.

In view of the foregoing, approval of this Bill is earnestly sought.

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AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 13 ARTICLE XVI OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11054, THE ORGANIC LAW FOR THE BANGSAMORO AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO, AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11593, FOR THE PURPOSE OF EXTENDING THE TRANSITION PERIOD TO ENSURE THE SUCCESSFUL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ANNEX ON NORMALIZATION UNDER THE FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT ON THE BANGSAMORO (FAB), ALLOWING THE FIRST REGULAR ELECTION FOR THE BANGSAMORO PARLIAMENT TO BE SYNCHRONIZED WITH THE 2028 NATIONAL ELECTIONS

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

**SECTION 1**. Section 13 of Article XVI of RA 11054 or the Bangsamoro Organic Law, as amended by RA 11593, is hereby amended to include the following and read as follows:

"Section 13. First Regular Election. - The first regular election for the Bangsamoro Government shall be held and synchronized with the [2028] National Elections. The Commission on Elections, through the Bangsamoro Electoral Office, shall promulgate rules and regulations for the conduct of the elections, enforce and administer them pursuant to national laws, this Organic Law, and the Bangsamoro Electoral Code.

**SECTION 2.** During the extension of the transition period, the Bangsamoro Transition Authority (BTA) shall continue as the interim government in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM): *Provided*, that upon approval of this Act, all positions of the appointed members of the BTA shall be declared vacant, and the President shall appoint eighty (80) new interim members of the BTA who shall hold office until the May 2028 elections where duly elected officials shall have qualified and assumed office.

**SECTION 3.** Separability Clause. - If any section or provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional, the other section or provision not so declared shall continue to be in full force and effect.

**SECTION 4. Repealing Clause. -** All laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations and other issuances or parts thereof, which are inconsistent with this Act, are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

**SECTION 5. Effectivity.** - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days following its complete publication in the Official Gazette and in at least two (2) national newspapers of general circulation, and one (1) local newspaper of general circulation in the autonomous region.

Approved,

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